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SUBJECT: U.S. NAVAL USE OF SINGAPORE FACILITIES

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1. REFTEL A REPORTED STATEMENT BY DEFMIN GOH THAT IT  
MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR GOS TO APPROACH U.S. FOR TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE AND EQUIPMENT IN CONNECTION WITH NPW MONITORING  
AND ASKED FOR OUR COMMENTS.

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2. FYI BASIC U.S. POLICY CONCERNING PROVISION OF NPW MONITORING ASSISTANCE IS THAT ALTHOUGH WE ENCOURAGE HOST GOVERNMENT TO MONITOR TO ASSURE ITSELF THAT VISITING NPW ARE NOT CREATING A RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION HAZARD, WE DO NOT GET INVOLVED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ANOTHER NATION'S MONITORING. THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ITS PEOPLE AND WE DO NOT WANT TO BE PUT IN A POSITION WHERE USG WOULD BE INTERFERING WITH THIS RESPONSIBILITY. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD NOT PAY FOR HOST COUNTRY MONITORING OR PERFORM ANALYSIS WORK FOR THEM. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE KIND OF TECHNIQUE AND EQUIPMENT WHICH U.S. CONSIDERS ARE EFFECTIVE IN MONITORING THE

HARBOR ENVIRONMENTS WHERE NPW VISIT.

3. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHAT DEFMIN GOH HAS IN MIND IN THE WAY OF U.S. ASSISTANCE. SINCE WE KNOW THAT U.K. HAS ALREADY PROVIDED GOS WITH MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL TRAINING, WE SUSPECT WHAT DEFMIN MAY HAVE IN MIND IS FOR U.S. TO PROVIDE AN EMERGENCY MONITORING TEAM SUCH AS U.K. DOES WHILE THEY ARE THE OPERATORS OF THE NAVAL BASIN AND THE CURRENT SINGAPORE SPECIAL SAFETY SCHEME IS IN EFFECT. WHEN THE BRITISH ARE NO LONGER IN CHARGE OF THE NAVAL BASIN, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THE CURRENT GOS-UK SINGAPORE SPECIAL SAFETY SCHEME WILL BECOME INVALID AND PRESUMABLY BE REPLACED BY A SOLELY GOS DOCUMENT. U.K. NPW VISITS TO THE NAVAL BASIN WILL THEN BE CARRIED OUT ON THE SAME "STANDARD STATEMENT" BASIS AS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE FOR U.S. NPW, AND THE U.K. WILL NO LONGER FURNISH AN EMERGENCY MONITORING TEAM.

4. THE BRITISH WITHDRAWAL AND THE CHANGE FROM PREDOMINANTLY U.K. SAFETY AND MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY AT THE NAVAL BASIN TO SOLELY GOS RESPONSIBILITY OBVIOUSLY COULD LEAD TO SOME CONFUSION AS TO WHAT WILL BE DONE. SINCE WE ARE LOOKING TO THE U.K. TO WORK OUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE USE OF THE FUEL FARM AND THE NAVAL BASIN, WE HAVE IMPRESSED UPON THEM THE NEED TO RESOLVE ANY  
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QUESTIONS OVER POST-REVERSION GOS MONITORING IN A WAY WHICH DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH U.S. OR U.K. PORT ENTRY POLICY FOLLOWED IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHAT KIND OF ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE WORKED OUT AND WHETHER THEY WILL BE FULLY SATISFACTORY TO US. END FYI.

5. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING WE PREFER TO TAKE A BACK SEAT TO THE U.K. ON THIS MATTER AT LEAST UNTIL THE PICTURE

BECOMES CLEARER, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING  
VISIT OF UK TEAM (REFTEL B). (WE ASSUME FROM REFTELA THAT  
AMBASSADOR DOES NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO  
GOH AT THIS TIME.) ON THE OTHER HAND, SHOULD  
AMBASSADOR CONSIDER A REPLY NECESSARY OR IF GOH RAISES  
THE QUESTION IN THE FUTURE, YOU SHOULD ASCERTAIN WHAT  
SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE HE HAS IN MIND WITHOUT INDICATING  
HOW US MIGHT RESPOND.

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